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Susumu KAYAMA, et al.

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For: TITANIUM OXIDE FOR DYE-SENSITIZED SOLAR CELLS

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Assignment for Published Patent Application: SHOWA DENKO K.K.

Foreign Applications: JAPAN 2003-169421 09/13/2003 06/13/2003

JAPAN 2003-320123 07/23/2003 09/11/2003

Title: ~~Metal oxide structure containing Titanium oxide and production method and use thereof.~~ Titanium oxide for dye-sensitized solar cells

Verification for the requested corrections is indicated on the Declaration and Assignment both filed March 30, 2005.

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Domestic Priority data as claimed by applicant

- ✓ This application is a 371 of PCT/JP03/12554 09/30/2003
 - ✓ which claims benefit of 60/416,919 10/09/2002
 - ✓ and claims benefit of 60/489,109 07/23/2003 *
- (*)Data provided by applicant is not consistent with PTO records.

Foreign Applications

- ✓ JAPAN 2002-285334 09/30/2002
- ✓ JAPAN 2003-169421 09/13/2003
- ✓ JAPAN 2003-197672 07/16/2003
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Title

Metal oxide structure containing Titanium oxide and production method and use thereof

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Titanium oxide for Dye-sensitized solar cells

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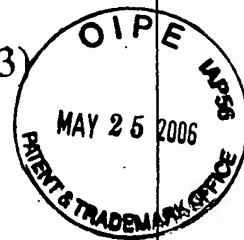
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TITANIUM OXIDE FOR DYE-SENSITIZED
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2002-285334 (Pat. Appln.) Japan

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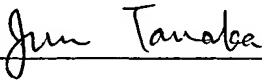
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